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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing an organic solvent dispersion of an

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intrinsically conductive polymer which comprises a step of deionizing an aqueous colloidal

dispersion of an intrinsically conductive polymer by the passing of liquid, thereby clearing the

intrinsically conductive polymer of cations adhering thereto, and a subsequent step of

substituting water in the aqueous colloidal dispersion by [[an]] organic solvent.

2. (Original) A method for producing an organic solvent dispersion of an intrinsically

conductive polymer as defined in claim 1, wherein deionization is accomplished by ion

exchange.

3. (Original) A method for producing an organic solvent dispersion of an intrinsically

conductive polymer as defined in claim 1, wherein the aqueous colloidal dispersion of an

intrinsically conductive polymer undergoes ultrafiltration before deionization.

4. (Original) A method for producing an organic solvent dispersion of an intrinsically

conductive polymer as defined in claim 1, wherein solvent substitution is accomplished in such a

way as to keep the solid contents in a range of 0.05 to 10.0 wt%.

5. (Original) A method for producing an organic solvent dispersion of an intrinsically

conductive polymer as defined in claim 1, wherein solvent substitution is accomplished in such a

way as to reduce the water content below 1%.

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6. (Original) A method for producing an organic solvent dispersion of an intrinsically

conductive polymer as defined in claim 1, wherein solvent substitution is accomplished by

slowly adding said organic solvent to said aqueous colloidal dispersion, thereby removing water.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for producing an organic solvent dispersion of an

intrinsically conductive polymer as defined in claim 1, wherein said organic solvent [[is]]

comprises one or more solvents selected from the group consisting of an alcohol with a carbon

number of 1 to 3 [[or]] and N-methylpyrrolidone.

8. (Original) A method for producing an organic solvent dispersion of an intrinsically

conductive polymer as defined in claim 1, wherein said intrinsically conductive polymer is doped

polyaniline, doped polythiophene, a mixture thereof or a copolymer thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) An organic solvent dispersion of an intrinsically conductive

polymer which is obtained by the method defined in any of claims 1 to 8 and 12.

10. (Original) An organic solvent dispersion of an intrinsically conductive polymer in

which the water content is less than 1 wt%.

11. (Previously Amended) An organic solvent dispersion of an intrinsically conductive

polymer as defined in claim 10, wherein said intrinsically conductive polymer is doped

polyaniline or doped polythiophene, a mixture thereof or a copolymer thereof.

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12. (New) A method producing an organic solvent dispersion of an intrinsically conductive polymer as defined in claim 1, wherein said organic solvent comprises one or more solvents selected from the group consisting of alcohols, ketones, amides, and ethers.

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